

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	71.0.0
Hours flown	75.0
Monthly offset	4.0
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	170.0
Hours flown	178.8
Monthly offset	8.8
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	386.0
Hours flown	294.6
Monthly offset	-91.4
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	240
Sorties flown	217
Monthly offset	-23
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	202
Sorties flown	172
Monthly offset	-91
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of July 22	

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly cloudy
NW winds @ 10-15 knots
High: 91 Low: 75

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy
NW winds @ 10-18 knots
High: 90 Low: 72

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with rain showers
W winds @ 12 knots
High: 88 Low: 72

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1-Y106 SELLING: Y111-\$1

Kadena Sister Act

2 of 4 quadruplets share deployed life in Iraq

By Master Sgt.
Debbie Aragon
407th Air Expeditionary
Group Public Affairs

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq — One is the older, “more mature” sister, freely giving advice and guiding her younger sibling — even if she is only senior by about two minutes.

The sisters, two of a set of quadruplets born to Joanne and Reginald L. Brown Sr., are deployed here together from their home units at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Airman 1st Class Latrice Goldsby, a fire protection journeyman with the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, is the second born while Airman 1st Class Shawn Brown, a force protection specialist here, is the baby of the group.

Reginald Brown Jr. is the oldest and the only male of the quads while Jocelyn Brown’s birth falls between the two Airmen.

From the time they were born 21 years ago, the quads had never spent more than a few weeks away from each other.

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Airman 1st Class Shawn Brown, (left), a force protection specialist and Airman 1st Class Latrice Goldsby, a fire protection journeyman, are deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq from Kadena.

Kadena medics to expand pool for Anthrax, Small Pox shots

By Capt. CK Keegan
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena medics say anthrax and small pox vaccinations are expanding to more areas in the Pacific and at Kadena for some Airmen preparing for upcoming deployments.

Some Kadena Airmen will receive the Anthrax vaccine even if they aren’t slated for deployment as part of the extended Anthrax and Small Pox vaccination program, said Tech. Sgt. Beryl Alexander, NCO in charge, allergies and immunizations clinic.

“They are considered an exception to policy,” she said, “because they can deploy at a moments notice.”

Earlier this month, Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said more U.S. service members, including those serving in South Korea, will be vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax. This includes temporary duty assignments of 15 days or more and permanent changes of station.

Defense Department has vaccinated more than 750,000 troops against anthrax since June 2002. That number increases to more than 1 million, adding in vaccinations administered since 1998. The 18th Wing immunizations and allergy clinic has identified about 3,000 people who have

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New off-base auto rule begins Sept. 1

By Capt. CK Keegan
18th Wing Public Affairs

Status of Forces Agreement vehicle owners who live off base may need to acquire a parking certificate beginning Sept. 1, U.S. Forces, Japan officials said this week.

The certificates will be required to prove to the Japanese government that drivers have off-road parking available for their vehicles.

On July 20, the U.S.-Japan Joint Committee agreed to require vehicle owners to prove they have a parking space for their vehicle if the owner lives more than two kilometers from a U.S. installation. According to published reports, the requirement for parking is based on a 1962 law designed to ensure vehicle owners don’t park on the streets to alleviate congested roadways.

“People currently residing off base are grandfathered,” said Fil Jimenez, 18th Mission Support Group deputy commander.

“This new requirement only applies to people who live outside a two kilometer radius from a base and register a vehicle after Sept. 1.” If someone currently grandfathered moves outside this radius after that date they will need to get a parking certificate.

The two governments have yet to agree to require people inside that radius or on a base to get a certificate. Cost for the parking certificate varies but may average 2,200 yen for the permit and 500 yen per vehicle for the sticker. According to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport there are about 58,000 SOFA-owned vehicles registered in Japan.

Many villages in Okinawa are exempt from the requirement to get a parking certificate.

Officials at Kadena also acknowledge that they are still working on ways to ensure the new rule is followed and will provide further guidance when it is available.



Okinawa summers increase cancer risk

By Col. Mark Presson
former 18th Medical Group commander

Summer is prime time for outdoor activities such as sports, swimming and sunbathing.

But too much of a good thing can result in injury from the powerful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

During the hot summer Okinawan months, we are more susceptible to the sun's dangerous radiation, which in turn puts us more at risk of developing skin cancer.

Severe sunburns, that result in blisters, can double an individual's risk for developing melanoma (the most serious form of skin

cancer) later in life.

Repeated and lengthy exposure to the sun can also cause premature aging effects such as wrinkles, furrows, easy bruising, and age spots.

There are several ways to avoid injury from the sun. Sunblock is a key factor in protecting our skin from burning, developing cancer, and aging.

Sunblock is based upon Sun Protection Factor (SPF) levels. The SPF refers to the amount of time you can spend in the sun without damaging your skin.

SPF 30 means you will be able to stay in the sun 30 minutes longer than you could without protection and

not burn. To get optimum protection, sunblock should be applied at least every two hours especially if you are participating in water activities.

Regular use of sunblock should be part of our lifestyle.

We often think about taking off clothes in the summer.

However, another very effective form of "sunblock" is light colored loose clothes and hats.

This has long been a "best practice" in the Middle East.

The peak hours for the sun on Okinawa are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If at all possible, enjoy

your outdoor activities before or after these times to help prevent damage.

Note that clouds offer little protection from the sun and reflection from water enhances problems.

You can get severe sunburn on a cloudy day.

Caution must be observed when exposure to the sun is frequent and intense.

Remember, sun exposure is cumulative and protection is never too late.

Proper respect for the sun will result in enjoyable outside activities and will also avoid serious disease and premature aging.

This is a very important part of basic summer safety.

ACTION LINES

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Jan-Marc Jouas
18th Wing
commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll

look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first.

When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Having a visitor come to Kadena?

By 1st Lt. Jon C. Steven
18th Security Forces Squadron

The procedures and policies for escorting personal onto Kadena Air Base may be extremely confusing from time to time. To ensure you follow the correct procedures, it is important to clearly identify exactly what you wish accomplish when you sponsor a person on the installation. There are different procedures depending on what your guest(s) are here Kadena, whether it is to visit friends or family or to conduct work. This helps us to determine whether or not your guests need to be escorted.

When family comes to visit from off island, a temporary pass can be received once you all arrive at the gate. This pass will be good until the next duty day at which time, the guests and the sponsor must come to the pass and registration office, with their passports, to receive a pass for the length of the visit.

Guests who reside on-island can be signed in daily from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Gate 1 or 2. The passes issued require the guest to be escorted at all times while on Kadena.

There have been situations where military members have brought family members to stay on base for the purpose of providing child care for their dependents while they travel TDY.

Please be aware that only the installation commander can authorize your

guests to have unescorted access to the base.

The installation commander has delegated this authority down to the 18th Mission Support Group commander.

At any time that you wish to request unescorted access for your guest, a memorandum must be drafted and signed by your unit commander or equivalent.

This letter must be brought to the pass and registration office at least 72 hours prior to the guest's arrival. This memorandum must include dates of the visit and justification why the individual will need unescorted entry. The sponsor will take this letter and a letter from the pass and registration office to the 18th MSG commander.

If the letter is approved, the sponsor should bring it back to pass and registration at which time an unescorted pass will be issued.

This pass will only be good for Kadena and does not guarantee access to the facilities such as the commissary and base exchange. These facilities have their own policies for entry.

For special events, one time functions, birthday parties, etc. an alphabetized list of all the guests must be signed by your unit commander (or equivalent) and submitted to the pass and Registration office 72 hours prior to the event.

This list will be run against the base barment roster prior to approval. If

the event has more than 24 guests, the sponsor must take the list along with a letter from pass and registration to the 18th MSG commander for further approval. If approved, the list will come back to pass and registration for final processing.

Procedures for visitors coming to conduct private work at your residence are a little different. When sponsoring such an individual for one time work, you must meet your guest at Gate 1 or 2 to receive an escorted pass.

If you have hired someone who will come on a weekly basis for work such as a gardener, "Mama-san" or a "Papa-san," you will need to meet them at Gate 2 to receive up to a six-month escorted pass.

What's the difference between an escorted and unescorted pass?

For an escorted pass, the sponsor is required to stay with their visitor at all times while on the base. Only employees who have been hired by an authorized employer and have completed all necessary paperwork through the contractor pass office are able to enter the installation unescorted. Unfortunately, personal employees are not authorized this entitlement.

At anytime you have a guest coming to Kadena, the best thing you can do to ensure a smooth and unimpeded visit is to plan well in advance.

Please feel free to contact the pass and registration office at 634-3437 with any questions.



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SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Tanya R. Robinson

18th Component Maintenance Squadron, information manager for commander's support staff

Hometown: St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Reason for nomination: Phenomenal worker and manager; sustained efforts positively impact 350 plus people assigned to the 18th Maintenance Group.

Time at Kadena: 1 year and a half.

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

COURT VERDICT: Airman Robert S. Middlebrooks of the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron was convicted July 7 by a military judge at a special court martial for indecent assault on a female airman and for making a false statement. Airman Middlebrooks received a sentence of confinement for 8 months, demotion to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge. Airman Middlebrooks is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.

TOYDRIVE: Airman Committed to Excellence is hosting a base-wide toy drive for the Ishimine Orphanage of Okinawa and will collect toys through today. Collection points are set up at the Falcon Fitness Center, the youth center, and the school age program next to Teen Center Millennium. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class William Bentley at 634-6100.

MANDATORY BRIEFINGS: Mandatory briefings for all 18th Wing members for the upcoming exercise will be held at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Aug. 16 through 18 at the Keystone Theater. For more information, call 634-3620.

ESSAY CONTEST: The deadline for a 2-3 page, double spaced essay open to all ages with the theme, "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility" is Aug. 10. The winner will present their essay to the Women's History Month luncheon Aug. 20. Submit essays to 1st Lt. Megan Kranenburg at: megan.kranen-

Eyes right



Air Force/Amn. Gary Edwards

Staff Sgt. Corey Olsen (right) of the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron briefs wing leadership July 23 about operations at K-5 right. The briefing was part of wing preparations for the upcoming Operational Readiness Exercise.

burg@kadena.af.mil. For more information call 634-7277.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The 18th Wing inspector general's office is looking for volunteers for an upcoming wing-wide exercise. Call Master Sgt. Tricia Benning at 634-5163.

SPADESTOURNAMENT: A King and Queen of Spades Tournament will be held at the Banyan Tree Aug. 8 from 1 to 11

p.m. The first place team receives \$200 and a trophy and the second place team receives \$100. Entrance fee is \$40 per team and \$10 per spectator. For more information, contact 630-4999.

FREECHILDCARE: Nearly 20 hours of free child care is available through a family support center program for new arrivals to Kadena. For more information, contact 634-3366.

FREETOW SERVICE: A free towing service for spouses of deployed Airman at Kadena is available by calling 634-1126.

VOTING: Base officials are encouraging all base residents to vote. Rules on how to vote from Kadena using the absent ballot system are available at: www.fvap.gov.

POSTAL ADVISORY: Postal officials say fresh fruits, meat products and pornographic materials, are prohibited items and cannot be mailed.

MOTORCYCLEREQUIREMENTS: All motorcycle and scooter operators and passengers are required to wear international orange or lime green reflective vests during the day. The vest must have 138 square inches of reflective material and cannot be covered by a backpack or other items. Airmen with motorcycles and scooters must attend motorcycle safety training every three years.

COLLEGEREGISTRATION: Military registration for Term I at the University of Maryland and Central Texas College will be held from Aug. 2 to 13. Students requesting tuition assistance for math and English courses with UMUC must bring a copy of their placement test results. Students are responsible for completing prerequisite courses. For more information, call 634-1500.



Life as superhero continues for Kadena Airman

By Capt. CK Keegan
18th Wing Public Affairs

There was no hesitation when an Airman and his father came across the scene of an overturned van. They both jumped out of their vehicle to help a father who could not find his son.

Master Sgt. Charles Stiefken, 18th Operations Group chief of standard and evaluations for pararescue, was on leave after augmenting the PACAF inspector general's office during an operational readiness inspection at a guard unit in Alaska. He and his father Dick Stiefken, a retired chief master sergeant and pararescueman, had "hooked up" to play racquetball when they saw an overturned mini-van and a man frantically waving for help.

"At first I couldn't see anyone in the van," said Sergeant Stiefken. "When I climbed in the vehicle, I noticed the sliding door was open and the little boy was lying in the grass. The van was laying on top of his head."

The minivan was too heavy for Sergeant Stiefken and his father, but when a couple of police officers showed up, they were able to lift the van enough for Sergeant Stiefken to pull the 3-year-old boy out.

The boy wasn't breathing so Sergeant Stiefken gave him mouth to mouth resuscitation for 15 minutes until the ambulance showed up.

Unfortunately, the boy died four days later from brain injuries sustained in the accident.

"When you're working on someone, it's automatic," said Sergeant Stiefken.

"Afterward, when you're reflecting on what happened, it hits home." Sergeant Stiefken called his two boys



Air Force/Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

Master Sgt. Charles Stiefken, 18th Operations Group chief of standard and evaluations for pararescue, was on leave after augmenting the PACAF inspector general's office during an operational readiness inspection at a guard unit in Alaska when he helped pull a boy from an overturned van.

that night.

"Life is so precious," he said. "You just want to tell your family that you love them."

Saving lives is what has kept Sergeant Stiefken a pararescueman for 16 years, but it's his father who was his motivation to choose a life as a PJ.

"My mom and I used to go out with the ground party when my father would jump," said Sergeant Stiefken. "I was with the trailers that picked up the jumpers. I helped carry equipment and parachutes."

He saw all the "cool" things

his father, a PJ from the Vietnam era, got to do and one day talked to him about being a PJ. Sergeant Stiefken decided that life was for him.

One mission helped him really see the importance of his job and how blessed he is each time he is able to help someone in need.

He was assigned to the 56th Rescue Squadron in Keflavic, Iceland, when they received a call to aid a man who had been crushed by a machine on an oil tanker during a storm.

"Winters are brutal in Iceland," said Sergeant Stiefken.

"The winds were at 40 knots, the waves were huge, and the waters were below freezing."

The trip in the helicopter was 3 to 4 hours out and often they were only 100 feet off the water in order to stay below the clouds. "The oil tanker was being tossed around like a toy boat in a bath tub," he said.

The man they rescued had a crushed pelvis, but they lifted him out and brought him back to his awaiting family.

"I can't describe the look on the faces of the family when we brought him in. They thought all was lost. I told

myself, 'man, I'm in the right place,'" he said. "Seeing loved ones brought to their families is a feeling you can never erase."

Sergeant Stiefken says his father getting to do "cool stuff" might have been a factor in his decision, but it isn't what kept him going. He said he loves being able to use his God-given talents to save lives. "Scuba diving, parachuting and all of that is just a mode of transportation to your patients," he said. "The job begins when you treat your patients and bring them home."

Pulling paint duty

Airman 1st Class Joshua Standifer of the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron pulls off the stenciling used to paint markings on a HA-60 Helicopter, July 22, 2004. The unit rolled out the first HH-60 with a gunship grey paint scheme last week.



Air Force/ A1C Michael Pallazola

SHOTS: Small pox vaccinations to be added for Airmen

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started the Anthrax series since June 2002.

For Anthrax, the clinic prefers for people to start their vaccinations 45 days prior to leaving.

"Unfortunately, that's not necessarily going to be the case," said Sergeant Alexander. "We give them what we can, and they get the rest at the deployed location."

The complete 6-shot series takes 18 months to complete, with a booster every year.

Deploying service members will also be required to get the small pox vaccine.

SISTERS: Assignment swap brought kin to Kadena

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other.

That changed when the two sisters decided to join the military.

Military service is not a tradition with the Brown family; so the Airmen said it was no surprise when their sister and the rest of the family were a little taken aback by their plans to enlist.

"At first it was a shock," Ms. Brown said, "just the thought of them going into the military. Lattice and Shawn were very good students and always earned the better grades out of the quads; so I really didn't understand why (they would join the military)."

Airman Brown acknowledges she was the driving force behind that decision.

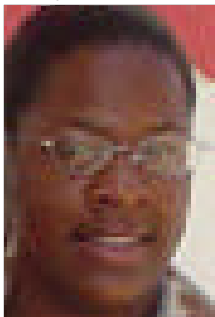
"After I graduated from high school, I didn't want to go to school full time anymore and thought by joining the military I could work and go to school," she said.

Airman Brown's plans swayed Airman Goldsby to join — not for the schooling or the experience — but because she "didn't want Shawn to have to go by herself," she said smiling.

The sisters signed up with the same recruiter in Frederick, Md., enlisting as open general candidates and went off to basic training together at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

There they were assigned to the same flight which made basic training

easier, Airman Goldsby said, "knowing you were going through it with someone you were close to."



GOLDSBY

After graduation, the sisters went their separate ways with Airman Goldsby heading to technical school at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and Airman Brown moving over to another unit at Lackland for career

training as a supply troop.

While in technical school, Airman Goldsby was notified she was heading to Kadena, and Airman Brown was destined for Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

Thanks to an assignment switch with another Airman, however, Airman Brown arrived at Kadena ahead of her sister.

It might seem strange to some to be stationed together and then deployed with your sibling in a combat zone, but the sisters said it seems normal.

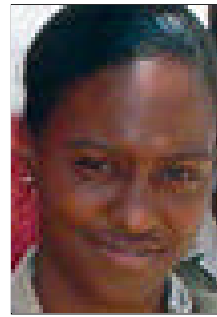
"After everything else, having her here with me seems like the way it should be," Airman Goldsby said.

Even though they are deployed together, contact is limited.

As a member of Tallil's fire department, Airman Goldsby lives in a separate compound while her sister lives in

the base's tent city.

"We don't get to spend much time together because I work long hours with force protection," Airman Brown said, "but we get together for things like combat bingo or dinner. When I have a day off we spend time together too."



BROWN

Additionally, Airman Goldsby said she visits her sister in her tent when she is not working.

Airman Brown said she has always felt like the baby of the group.

"Lattice still tries to tell me what to do," Airman Brown said.

"It's always been that way ... she's the more mature one and tries to put me in check ... most of the time it works."

"I do like to give advice," Airman Goldsby acknowledged as the two sisters shared a look.

And, with both women deployed to a combat zone, Airman Goldsby continues to fill the role of "big" sister.

"I worry about her because you never know what can happen," Airman Goldsby said.

"In the back of your mind, you always think about it. It's always good when I see her walking up the road."

"It means a lot being away from home and overseas," Airman Goldsby said. "It's good to have that face-to-face contact with your sibling. You know how they're doing, and you can go check on them when you want to."

Although they are thankful they are deployed here together, the sisters remember the two quads they left behind.

"Reginald doesn't tend to worry so much," Airman Brown said, "but Jocelyn, she worries."

"She took it really hard when we left," Airman Goldsby said of their sister. "The girls are very, very close, and we try to stay in contact with her often."

"Being in Iraq at this time isn't where we would want them to be," Ms. Brown said.

"There are a lot of things going on that scare me everyday, just thinking that my sisters are over there is even worse. I just pray everyday that they come home safely and they never have to witness the violence, abuse, hatred and sacrifices that are made."

But, now that it has been some time since her sisters enlisted, she said it is obvious to her why they made the choice to join the Air Force.

"The military is helping them to achieve their goals," she said.

"I think it's a great experience for them. They're able to see how other cultures adapt and use the resources they have to survive."

Commanders issue 19 Articles 15 in June

The following Article 15 actions were completed in June 2004:

- An Airman from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron drove his privately owned vehicle while his license was revoked and lied to the Japanese officer as to why he didn't have his license with him. He received a fine of \$500 due to a previous suspended punishment from an Article 15.
- A Senior Airman from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended fine of \$1,500, restriction to base for 30 days, and 30 days extra duty for pushing a male civilian.
- A Senior Airman from the 18th Communications Squadron received a demotion to Airman 1st Class, restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand for being drunk and signing a false official statement that she had not consumed any alcoholic beverages.
- A Senior Airman from the 18th Communications Squadron reported late for duty and received a demotion to Airman 1st Class due to a previous suspended punishment from an Article 15.
- A Senior Airman from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron reported late for duty on three separate occasions and received a demotion to Airman 1st Class due to a previous suspended punishment from an Article 15.
- An Airman from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a suspended demotion to Airman Basic, a \$600 fine and a reprimand for pushing

ing and grabbing a female Airman during an argument.

- An Airman from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a \$1,336 fine and a reprimand for being verbally disrespectful to her supervisor.
- An Airman from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a suspended \$1,336 fine for sleeping while on duty as a security forces augmentee.
- An Airman from the 18th Medical Operations Squadron received a demotion to Airman Basic, a \$1,192 fine, and a reprimand for drinking while underage, driving while drunk with a blood alcohol content of .064%, and fleeing the scene of an accident.
- An Airman First Class from the 18th Medical Support Squadron received a demotion to Airman, an \$800 fine, and a reprimand for distributing Percocet, a prescribed drug containing codeine.
- A Staff Sergeant from the 18th Operations Squadron received a suspended demotion to Senior Airman, a \$400 fine, and a reprimand for being drunk and disorderly with a blood alcohol content of .112%, and disobeying a lawful order from a security forces patrolman.
- A Staff Sergeant from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a demotion to Senior Airman and a reprimand for failure to fill out an AF Form 52 receipt for a stolen wallet, making a false official statement, making a vulgar remark to a female subordinate and stealing \$180 and 700 yen.
- A Staff Sergeant from the 82nd

Reconnaissance Squadron received a suspended demotion to Senior Airman, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand for failure to obey a lawful order to check an engine cowl.

- A Staff Sergeant from the 320th Special Tactics Squadron received a suspended demotion to Senior Airman, a \$1,000 fine, and 30 days extra duty for disobeying a lawful order from a commissioned officer.
- A Staff Sergeant from the 320th Special Tactics Squadron received a suspended demotion to Senior Airman, a \$1,000 fine, and 30 days extra duty for disobeying a lawful order from a commissioned officer.
- A Senior Airman from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to Airman 1st Class, restriction to base for 15 days, 7 days extra duty, and a reprimand for being disorderly, punching a male civilian, and for being disrespectful in language to the arresting officer.
- A Staff Sergeant from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for misusing his government travel card on 29 separate occasions.
- A Senior Airman from the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron received a suspended demotion to Airman 1st Class, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand for slapping his wife.
- A Senior Airman from the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron received a demotion to Airman 1st Class and a reprimand for stealing a plastic wallet insert of a value under \$10 from the base exchange.

Summer Bash to kick off Saturday

By Master Sgt.
Brad Carder

18th Wing Public Affairs

The Kadena chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association sponsors Summer Bash '04 Saturday at the Kadena Marina for Airmen in the grades of E-4 and below.

The event begins at noon and runs until 7 p.m.

Mrs. Cynthia Rambo, AFSA Chapter 1553 president, said the event is free and includes a wide variety of activities for Airmen. "This party is an icebreaker giving Airmen an opportunity to get involved in private organizations early in their careers. We teach them the importance of being involved both professionally and personally. It allows professional growth and development as they aspire to become NCOs."

According to Mrs. Rambo, the event features free food, beverages, music, games and volleyball. She said the event is based on a luau theme and encourages people to dress in Hawaiian luau fashion. Mrs. Rambo emphasized AFSA is not just for NCOs. "This party allows us the opportunity to remove myths and get more Airmen involved in this organization."

18th Wing to induct 120 into Senior NCO corps

By Senior Master Sergeant
Bonnie Houser
18th Mission Support Group

More than 120 Kadena NCOs will be officially welcomed into the Air Force's Senior NCO Corps August 6 at the Rocker NCO Club during a senior NCO induction ceremony.

The event marks the transition from the junior NCO grades to senior NCO rank.

More than 120 Kadena technical sergeants learned in July that they were selected for promotion to master sergeant. Some of the individuals who will participate in the ceremony have already been promoted. Participants will attend a professional development seminar August 3-6 to prepare them for increased responsibilities as master sergeants. Experienced senior NCO volunteers teach the seminar focusing on supervisory skills, counseling, effecting writing and leadership. The three-day seminar culminates with the induction ceremony August 6 to highlight the career milestone.

Chief Master Sergeant Anthony Bishop, 18th Wing command chief master sergeant, said this event marks an important milestone in an NCO's career. "Transitioning into the Senior NCO Corps is an honor that not everyone achieves. Through hard work and outstanding



Senior NCO inductee Tech. Sgt. Erik Roberts from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron lights a candle during Senior NCO induction ceremonies by the 353rd Special Operations Group Saturday at the Rocker NCO Club. Master Sgt. Brian King, also one of five inductees within the 353rd SOG, watches Sergeant Roberts. Sergeant King is assigned to the 320th Special Tactics Squadron at Kadena.

performance, these individuals will be welcomed into a community of seasoned professionals and be charged with

molding our NCO leaders of tomorrow and guiding the enlisted force of today."

The Kadena Top Three

Association sponsors the ceremony that begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. The official ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

This year's theme, "Evolution of the Air Force senior NCO, then and now", emphasizes the changes to the top enlisted tier from 1947 to the present. During the program, inductees ceremoniously enter through an arch of sabers, recite the senior NCO charge and receive a memento in honor of their accomplishment. Pacific Trends, a seven-piece rock band from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia, provides musical entertainment for the event.

The featured speaker for the event is Chief Master Sergeant David W. Popp, Pacific Air Forces command chief master sergeant.

Dress for the occasion is mess dress or semi-formal for military personnel and business attire for civilians. Cost is \$25.00. For more information or to sign up for the event, contact group representatives by noon August 2. Event contacts are: 18th Operations Group, Master Sgt. Todd Boyer, 634-4954; 18th Civil Engineer Group, Master Sgt. Michael Clayton, 634-5660; 18th Medical Group, Senior Master Sgt. Larence Kirby, 630-4141; 18th Maintenance Group, Master Sgt. Richard Dendinger, 634-8986; 18th Mission Support Group, Senior Master Sgt. Lori Washington, 634-5848; Group 7 and 353rd Special Operations Group, Senior Master Sgt. Barry Schwartz, 634-6482.

Kadena tankers key in multi-national exercise

By Maj. Eric Hilliard
COOPERATIVE COPE THUNDER
Public Affairs

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — The 909th Aerial Refueling Squadron is a key participant in exercise COOPERATIVE COPE THUNDER - a multinational exercise designed to provide participants with effective focused training to hone and sharpen their air combat skills, exchange air operations techniques, and promote closer relations among air forces and nations - which began July 15.

Assigned to Kadena, the 909th flew more than 4,000 miles and 10 hours to Eielson AFB, Alaska, the unit's operating location during CCT.

One of the primary Tanker Task Force planners for the exercise and member of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Capt. Edelmiro Rivera, made the flight along with two additional KC-135 tankers and crews from Kadena.

During the journey, they supplied fuel to fighter aircraft participating in the exercise including the 204th and 305th

Squadrons from the Japan Air Self Defense Force, 7th Air Wing at Hyakuri Air Base.

With thousands of miles of water separating Okinawa and Alaska, running out of fuel during the long flight was not an option.

"During the trip from Kadena to Eielson, we had to make a stop in Misawa to pick up the JASDF package," said Rivera.

"We refueled six JASDF F-15Js along the way, two with each tanker." The total fuel offloaded to the JASDF was 157,400 lbs.

Rivera said the entire flight went smoothly from beginning to end.

Referring to exercises and training opportunities like Cope North, he acknowledged the JASDF training in refueling procedures over the past few years has paid off.

For the last 26 years, Fifth Air Force and the JASDF have used the Cope North exercises to hone the combat skills of JASDF and U.S. air crews in preparation for potential combat situations in and around Japan.

In 2003, the JASDF success-

fully deployed their F-15s to Alaska for the first time in history.

Seventh Air Wing Flight Group Commander and the commander of all Japanese forces deployed to CCT, Col Masanori Hiramoto said, the Cope North exercises helps to prepare the JASDF for CCT in many ways.

"It was very helpful for us to run air defense operations with the USAF and also gave us a chance to practice our air to air refueling operations," said Hiramoto.

"We are very grateful for the outstanding support we have received from Fifth Air Force units. "Without their vital support, we would not have been able to participate in this Cope Thunder."

This year, more than 1,800 people and 11 nations will participate in CCT.

By the time the exercise is over and the aircrews return to Kadena AB, the KC-135 extenders from the 909th as well as the other tankers supporting CCT will have flown about 270 hours offloading 3.4 million pounds of fuel.



Air Force/Charles K. Steitz

KC-135s from Kadena's 909th Aerial Refueling Squadron pumped more than 154,000 pounds of fuel to Japanese F-15s headed to Alaska.



Air Force/Amn. Gary Edwards

About 250 children "deploying" Saturday during Operation Kids Understanding Deployment Operations at Kadena Air Base, stop at the immunizations desk where workers provided doses of candy instead of immunizations so children could get a better feel of what their parents go through when deploying from here.



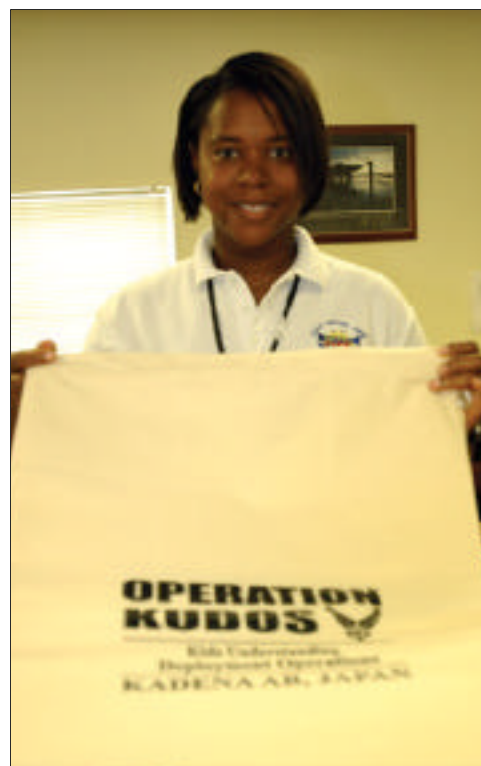
Air Force/Amn. Gary Edwards

Some children wore their parents' battle dress uniform tops as they "deployed" from Kadena to Shogun Air Base Saturday.



Air Force/Amn. Gary Edwards

Children also received a raffle ticket for a \$10 gift certificate as their "advanced pay." Tammy Wanke was the winner of the gift certificate.



Air Force/Amn. Gary Edwards

All children who deployed got a free laundry bag with the moniker Operation KUDOS to use as their mobility bag.



Air Force/Amn. Gary Edwards

Climbing aboard a bus, children and parents were transported through a mobility line processing center on their way to Shogun base.

250 Kadena children 'deploy' in Operation KUDOS

By Master Sgt.
Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

Some 250 children deployed Saturday in Operation KUDOS to help them understand why their parents do similar actions here.

"It was awesome," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Stines,

18th Wing readiness NCO.

"It was a huge success especially for the first time out," he said.

Operation KUDOS -- Kids Understanding Deployment Operations -- was originally planned for June but an impending typhoon threatened that mission so organizers postponed it hoping for better

weather.

"The goal was to educate the younger kids on what their parents do and explain why their moms and dads have to be prepared at any time," said Sergeant Stines.

"Since 9/11 we are going places we didn't go before and the deployment lengths are longer. I'm hop-

ing this will help to show children what their parents do to protect them."

The next Operation KUDOS is still being planned but Sergeant Stines he knows one will happen because a grant has been approved by Pacific Air Forces for the program to be operated twice a year.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

Shantel Hubbard stands outside her home with her mother -- Jaclyn Hubbard -- Monday in a housing area at Kadena Air Base. Shantel was recently selected as one of two of the "safest kids in America" in a competition conducted by The Safe America Foundation.

One of the safest kids in America lives in Japan

By Capt. CK Keegan
18th Wing Public Affairs

Shantel Hubbard's vision is to have peace in the world.

This desire led her to write an essay titled "Super Achievement For Everyone Through Youth - the Kids Safety Secret Service (K3S)," which won the 2003 Safest Kid in America competition for age group 9-12.

The competition included an essay and a creative illustration. "I don't like to watch the news," said 12-year-old Shantel. "It's always full of violence; people killing other people and people getting hurt."

Her idea is to create a secret service made up of kids helping other kids.

They would go through a 4-month boot camp and be able to teach other kids about safety and the importance education.

The basis of the secret ser-

vice rests with the Biblical golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"The secret service would start off in a neighborhood. That neighborhood would grow into a city, which would grow into a state, which would then be a country," she said. "Then that country can change the world."

The main job of the service is to look for safety hazards in the neighborhood, such as suspicious people planning attacks, cruelty to animals, and traffic violations.

One of the initiatives of K3S is to stop bullying in school.

"There are schools where the kids have to put their backpacks through a metal detector," said Shantel. "Schools are for education, not guns. Why would anyone bring a gun to school?"

In her essay she says, "The children of tomorrow can play

safe on playgrounds and in their neighborhoods and not worry worry if someone is going to kidnap them."

Her mom, Jaclyn, said the project was a reflection of Shantel; who she is and what she believes in.

"She is a giving person," said Mrs. Hubbard. "She always gives before she receives. That part of her was reflected in the vision for kid's safety."

Shantel's safety vision competed against 3,000 competitors. She was the only person in PACAF to submit an entry. She will receive a voucher from the Safe America Foundation for a new computer for her idea.

"She already knows who she is and what makes her happy," said Mrs. Hubbard. "That's very unusual for a child of 12. And I know, with that belief in herself, she can pursue anything and soar even higher."



Art by Amanda Hubbard

Shantel Hubbard's drawing that helped officials deem her one of the safest kid's in America. The picture was attached to a plate and on the other side, stapled to another plate, was a picture of the world.



TODAY
BANYAN TREE: Bingo begins at noon. Supersnacks and blast from the past from 5 to 7 p.m. Alternative theme from 7 p.m. to close. Virus Fridaze (Trance-theme) from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Call 634-0644 .
POOLSIDE YAKI NIKU AT LAGUNA
GARDEN TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
ROCKER NCO CLUB: Super snacks social from 5 to 7 p.m. Deja vu with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m. Variety dance beats from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call 634-0740 .
NIGHT OWL BINGO: Card sales begin at 9:30 p.m. and play starts at 10:30 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. Play features a progressive coverall reaching up to \$28,000. On average, games will pay around \$750, however some games will pay \$1,000.
KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from noon to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show an ID card to join, while 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the “free” lanes are busy. Call 634-2290 for more information.
ROCK’N’ROLL BOWLING: Rock ‘n’ bowl fun begins from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes. Call 634-2290 for more information.

SATURDAY
BANYAN TREE: Bingo begins at 1 p.m. Country night with DJ Leis from 8 p.m. to closing in the ballroom. R&B with DJ Tone from 8 p.m. to closing in the Lounge.
TABLE TOP WARRIORS CLUB: Club meets from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 .
BLUE INDIGO AND BASHOFU WEAVING STUDIO TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
COMEDY SHOW: Comedians Warren Durso and Jamal Doman will headline a comedy show in the Kadena Officers’ Club Weekender Lounge from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call 634-3663 .
SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET: One-hour session classes from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
QUILTING CLASS: Machine patchwork quilting class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

SUNDAY
10,000 EISA DANCERS IN NAHA TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
BISQUE PAINTING FOR KIDS: A one-session class will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
FAMILY DAY BOWLING: Games are \$1 each for parents who bowl with their children from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. A three-game limit may apply. Call 634-2290 for more information.

MONDAY
DRAWING AND CARTOONING FOR KIDS: An eight-session class that meets on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
TENNIS CLINIC: A one-hour tennis clinic will be held weekdays until August 13 at the Risner Tennis Center. Class schedules run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$70 per ten one-hour session clinics. Call 634-0695 to register.
WOODCRAFTING FOR BEGINNERS: A three-session class that meets on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666

M O V I E S	
Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.	
	Keystone Theater
▲ Today:	Spiderman 2, PG-13, 6 p.m. Spiderman 2, PG-13, 9 p.m.
▲ Saturday:	Missoula’s Children’s Theater
▲ Sunday:	Spiderman 2, PG-13, noon Shrek 2, PG, 4 p.m. Spiderman 2, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday:	Raising Helen, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday:	The Day After Tomorrow, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday:	Shrek 2, PG, 1 p.m.
▲ Thursday:	Anchorman, PG-13, 1 p.m. Anchorman, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Sunset at Kadena Marina



Sailboats cut through a sunset on the South China Sea at Kadena Marina. Base residents can enjoy similar views and eat at the Seaside Inn open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, for dinner from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday or from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

to register.
FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from noon to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show an ID card to join, while 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the “free” lanes are busy. Call 634-2290 for more information.
JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
WOODCRAFTING INTERMEDIATE: A four-session class that meets on Mondays from 5 to 8 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
CAKE DECORATING: Class held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
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JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
CAKE DECORATING: Class held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

TUESDAY
LADIES DAY GOLF: Tee times for ladies are not required between 8 to 9 a.m. Just show up and tee off! Open to all ladies eligible to use the Banyan Tree Golf Course. A golf instructor will be available at the range to answer questions and help with your swing. Normal green fees apply.
ZAMPA GLASS BOAT AND YOMITAN EXPLORATION TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
DRAWING FOR ADULTS: An eight-session class that meets on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
OIL PAINTING FOR ADULTS: An eight-session class that meets on Tuesdays from noon until 8 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from noon to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show an ID card to join, while 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the “free” lanes are busy. Call 634-2290 for more information.
FRAMING AND MATTING CLASS: A three-session class that meets on Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m. to noon will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
IKEBANA CLASS: A four-session class that meets on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
CERAMIC RECERTIFICATION: A one-session class will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
PORCELAIN DOLL CLASS: A four-session class that meets on Tuesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

WEDNESDAY
DRAWING AND CARTOONING FOR KIDS: An eight-session class that meets on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
BONSAI CLASS: A four-session class that meets on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
OKINAWA DANCE: Class from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

BEGINNING AND ADVANCED CRO-CHET: A four-session class that meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. for beginners and 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. for advanced will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from noon to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show an ID card to join, while 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the “free” lanes are busy. Call 634-2290 for more information.

THURSDAY
FAMILY NIGHT: Enjoy an evening poolside at the Hagerstrom Pool from 7 to 9 p.m.
NISHIZAKI WATER PARK TOUR: Call

634-4322 for more information.
DRAWING FOR ADULTS: An eight-session class that meets on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
OIL PAINTING FOR ADULTS: An eight-session class that meets on Thursdays from noon until 8 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
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TOLE PAINTING: A three-session class that meets on Tuesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

AUGUST 6
FIRST FRIDAYS PARTY: Join in the party with R&B music at the Rocker NCO Club Lounge from 9 p.m. until closing.

KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from noon to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show an ID card to join, while 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the “free” lanes are busy. Call 634-2290 for more information.
ROCK’N’ROLL BOWLING: Rock ‘n’ bowl fun begins from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes. Call 634-2290 for more information.

Air Force/Master Sgt. Brad Carder

AUGUST 7
HEARTS APART YELLOW RIBBON TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
WESTERN NIGHT: Saddle up for an evening of country hits at the Kadena Officers’ Club from 6 p.m. until midnight in the Weekender Lounge.
ROCKER NCO CLUB: Coyote Ugly Theme Night from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. in the ballroom.
DRIED FLORAL CRAFT: A two-session class from 4 to 6 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register. The second session will be held Aug. 28.
IKEBANA CLASS: A four-session class that meets on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
WASHI PAPER CLASS: A four-session class that meets on Saturdays from 4 to 6 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
FRAMING AND MATTING CLASS: A three-session class that meets on Saturdays from 9:15 a.m. to noon will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.
BEGINNING POTTERY: A three-session class that meets on Saturdays from 10:30 to 1 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

AUGUST 8
UNDERWATER ADVENTURE AND ASHIBINAA OUTLET MALL TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
DRY-BRUSH PAINTING: A three-session class that meets on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

C H A P E L	
Catholic	
▲ Monday through Friday	: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
▲ Saturday	: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Mass, Chapel 3, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Protestant	
▲ Wednesday	: Bible Study, Chapel 1, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m. Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.
▲ Hindu service:	Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
▲ Eastern Orthodox service:	call 645-7486
▲ Jewish services:	call 637-1027
▲ Islamic services:	call 636-3219

So long, Ricky

Round 1 : I didn't want to write about football until football season, but I have to.

Former Miami Dolphin running back Ricky Williams

called his coach from Hawaii over the weekend and declared he was retired.

After only five NFL seasons, Williams decided to walk instead of run. He says he will travel and work on his photography skills. What? Say that again? Please. Never mind. Williams has been an enigma since he entered the league. While he was good, he wasn't great. He was not a scorer and actually had more career receiving yards than rushing.

The Fish are sinking.

Round 2: Congratulations Lance Armstrong on your record sixth consecutive Tour de France title.

Word was last week you were calling it quits.

Now, we hear you may just rest for a while and then ride some more.

Lance, take a cue from John Elway: quit while you're ahead. Please don't pull a Michael Jordan on this one.

Round 3: The United States men's basketball team is gearing up for its debut in Athens in a few weeks. Carmelo Anthony has stated twice this week that he "guarantees" a gold medal. Hmm. I wonder if he really understands who he will be facing when the games commence.

The European national teams play together for a much longer period than the U.S. squad. They've been practicing for nearly a month.

Four years ago the Lithuanians took the U.S. down to the wire before losing by a few points. Anthony must realize that it's every team's goal to beat the Americans. There's no Magic Johnson or Larry Bird on this team. In fact, I need to go to the USA Basketball Website to see who is actually making the trip.

Send your comments to kadenashogun.sports@kadena.af.mil



By Leslie Lerner



Air Force/ Amn. Gary Edwards

Although they missed catching the ball several times during this photo shoot at Kadena's Four Diamonds Softball Complex Tuesday, the laughing remained consistent as half of the 14-member win-less 18th Civil Engineer Squadron (C) team tossed softballs in the air to prove they can do something on the softball field. From left: Tim Centen, short stop; Eric Dumpert, sometimes pitcher; Douglas Astrande, second base; Tony Andres, left field; Joe Ramirez, coach and right center; Mike Shinner, catcher and Andrew Ferber, utility player and designated hitter.

A 'perfect' record

18th CES (C) team still laughing despite 0-14 season finish

By Master Sgt.
Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

About halfway through the Kadena intramural softball season this year, coach Joe Ramirez started noticing something funny.

Everytime he'd tell folks at work, "Hey, We've got a game tonight" he'd get the same disturbing response: laughter.

Some in the 31-team softball league here might even say that response is warranted because this year's 18th Civil Engineer Squadron (C) team was: a joke.

The team of "plumbers by day" finished off their nights this softball season with a win-less 0-14 record.

"Seven people were experienced players," said Ramirez, a six-year intramural softball veteran who played for the 15th CES team at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, that won the base championships in 1998. "The other seven were basically people that didn't even know the rules."

"A year ago, we were 9-6 or 9-4," said Ramirez. But he said this year his team was hit heavy by an Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployment of five of his starters.

"A lot of people stepped up who normally don't play because we have a lot of people missing," he said.

Step up? Yes.

Help out? Uhh...

According to Ramirez, there were two times this season the team almost won. "We were down 14-12, but the game was called because of rain," Ramirez said about the first "almost win."

The other "near win" was at the close of the season when the team, according to Ramirez, lost during the last inning when 18th CS came up to bat and won 9-8.

The worst defeat for the team this season was a 29-0 waxing by Division I giant: 18th LRS A.

"That was one of the lowest points," says Ramirez. "That one almost separated the team. A lot of people were finger pointing after the game and it got rough. As the coach, I took a lot of heat for that one," said Ramirez. "But I told the team, we've gotta suck it up and not hold grudges."

But while Ramirez' 18th CES (C) team didn't win a game this season, it also didn't do something else.

It didn't quit.

"No one on our team is a

quitter," said Ramirez. "We decided from the start that we would stick it out to the end no matter what our record would end up as," he said. Plagued with injuries at the 0-12 win-loss point of the season, the team was forced to forfeit its last two games.

"Normally a 'C' team would forfeit out of the league about half way through the season around game 7," said Staff Sgt. Bobbie Carron, intramural sports director, with the 18th Services Squadron. "Especially if they're losing every game."

Despite losing every game -- yes EVERY game -- Ramirez and Carron confirmed that the team also had another intramural league rarity: a fan base.

"Toward the middle of the season they started getting more spectators," said Carron. "When my team played them they definitely had more fans than we did," she said.

Ramirez also said that many Japanese civilians and coworkers from CE who couldn't grab a glove, grabbed a seat on the bleachers to cheer instead. "Sometimes people from the other team were even cheering," Ramirez said. "Other times, they were just

shaking their heads."

But, no matter who beat them, Ramirez said "All the teams -- after they beat us -- showed good sportsmanship."

Carron who is now planning this year's championships said: "This team set a precedence for sportsmanship and team unity. So many teams are out just for wins and this team showed that some people actually go out there for the love of the game."

But ask CES C teammate Eric Dumpert if he likes softball and he'll tell you straight up, "I can't stand it."

Playing softball on this year's CES (C) team in the self-described position of "sometimes pitcher," Dumpert said he put that hate aside to help his coworkers.

"This was my first time ever playing softball," he said. "We play golf together too." But added with a laugh, "We're not very good at that either."

But being good at softball wasn't a requirement for this year's CES (C) team.

And while some teams might cry over a win-less season, the CES (C) team just laughs and remains proud of being the only team this season with a "perfect" record.